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Raised Bill No. 804

LCO No. 3692

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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING A SOCIAL WORK IN-HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-605b of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services, within available
4 appropriations, may establish and operate a [community-based
5 services] Social Work In-Home Support program for persons with
6 disabilities (1) who are between the ages of eighteen and sixty-four
7 years, and (2) who meet the eligibility requirements specified in
8 sections 17b-4(a)-1 to 17b-4(a)-6, inclusive, of the regulations of
9 Connecticut state agencies. Such eligibility requirements with respect
10 to income and assets shall not apply to persons eligible for medical
11 assistance under section 17b-597 who were receiving community-
12 based services on October 1, 2000.

13 [(b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall determine whether a
14 person eligible for medical assistance under section 17b-597 who is
15 receiving community-based services on October 1, 2000, is eligible for

16 personal care assistance under section 17b-605a. Such person shall not
 17 qualify for community-based services in the event such person may be
 18 enrolled in the personal care assistance program at the time such
 19 person is disqualified from receiving community-based services.]

20 (b) Any person participating in a Medicaid home and community-
 21 based services program shall not be eligible for the Social Work In-
 22 Home Support program, unless a particular service is not otherwise
 23 available under a Medicaid home and community-based services
 24 program.

25 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement the policies
 26 and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of subsection (a)
 27 of this section while in the process of adopting such policies and
 28 procedures in regulation form, provided notice of intent to adopt the
 29 regulations is published [in the Connecticut Law Journal within] on
 30 the department's Internet web site and the eRegulations System not
 31 later than twenty days after implementation. Such policies and
 32 procedures shall be valid until the time final regulations are effective.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	17b-605b
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HS *Joint Favorable*